

**Senate Resolution**

**No. 11**

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**Introduced by ~~Senator Chesbro~~—Senators Chesbro, Aanestad, Ackerman, Alarcon, Alpert, Ashburn, Battin, Bowen, Brulte, Burton, Cedillo, Denham, Ducheny, Dunn, Escutia, Figueroa, Florez, Hollingsworth, Johnson, Karnette, Knight, Kuehl, Machado, McClintock, McPherson, Morrow, Murray, Oller, Ortiz, Poochigian, Romero, Scott, Sher, Soto, Torlakson, Vasconcellos, and Vincent**

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Senate Resolution No. 11—Relative to Cover the Uninsured.

1 WHEREAS, 74.7 million Americans, nearly one out of three  
2 people in the United States under 65 years of age, went without  
3 health insurance for all or part of the two-year period of 2001-02;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, 11.1 million Californians, 35.5 percent of those  
6 under 65 years of age, do not have health insurance; and

7 WHEREAS, Eight out of 10 of the uninsured Californians are  
8 in working families that cannot afford health insurance and that are  
9 not eligible for public programs that would provide health  
10 insurance; and

11 WHEREAS, Uninsured Americans generally have higher  
12 incidences of sickness and die at a younger age than insured  
13 Americans because they are forced to go without necessary health  
14 care; and

15 WHEREAS, A slow economy, higher unemployment, and  
16 rising health costs mean that more Californians are becoming  
17 uninsured; now, therefore, be it

1     *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the  
2 Senate recognizes the urgency of seeking solutions to one of  
3 America's greatest problems. Accordingly, the Senate commends  
4 Cover the Uninsured for its tireless efforts on behalf of  
5 Californians during Cover the Uninsured Week March 10 to 16,  
6 2003; and be it further  
7     *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
8 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

